

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-10, 17-23, 27, 28, 30-32, and 34 were pending.

Claims 5, 7-9, 17, 18, 20, 23, 27, 28, 30-32, and 34 are canceled.

5 No claims are added.

Claims 1, 3, 10, 19, 21, and 22 are amended.

Accordingly, claims 1-4, 6, 10, 19, 21, and 22 are pending.

1. (Currently amended) A method, comprising:

10 deriving a digital signature and associating a~~the~~ digital signature with a
web page only if the web page includes code to invoke a control object; and
delivering the web page to an electronic device capable of authenticating
the digital signature such that the electronic device can execute ~~and executing~~
at least a portion of the web page after the digital signature is authenticated.

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2. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the associating
further comprises attaching the digital signature to the web page.

3. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

determining if the web page includes code to invoke a control object; and
in an event that the web page does not include code to invoke the control
5 object, delivering the web page without a digital signature~~deriving the digital
signature and associating the digital signature with the web page only if the web
page includes code to invoke a control object.~~

4. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the web page
10 includes a confirmation module that is used by the electronic device to
authenticate the digital signature.

5. (Cancelled)

15 **6. (Original)** The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the web page is
generated in an active server page (ASP) environment.

7 - 9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim ~~7~~claim 1, further comprising: designating one or more ~~authorized sources from which of a~~ web page authorized to that invokes a invoke the control object ~~may be~~ received; and

5 ~~executing script contained in the web page only if the determining~~
~~indicates that the web page was received from one of the one or more~~
~~authorized sources.~~

11. – 18. (Cancelled)

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19. (Currently amended) The ~~system—method~~ as recited in claim ~~17~~claim 1, wherein ~~the confirmation module is included in the control object~~ includes a confirmation module configured to authenticate the digital signature.

15 20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently amended) The ~~system—method~~ as recited in claim ~~17~~claim 19, wherein the confirmation module is further configured to determine if the web page comes from a source that is authorized to invoke the control
20 object and the control object is invoked only if the source of the web page is authorized to invoke the control object.

22. (Currently amended) The ~~system—method~~ as recited in claim 17~~claim 19~~, wherein the confirmation module is called by the web page prior to the web page invoking the control object.

5 **23. – 35. (Cancelled)**